

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/616,970
Applicant : Satoshi KIDOOKA
Filed : July 11, 2003
Atty. docket No. : P23559
Customer No. : 07055

Confirmation No. 2858

MEMORANDUM TO OFFICE OF PUBLICATIONS

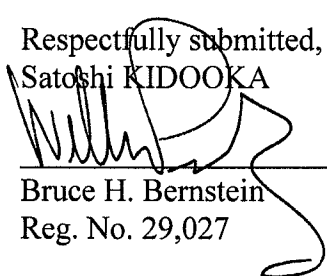
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the Assignee(s) information be printed on the first page of the patent in the same manner as it is listed at Box 3 of the attached Form PTOL-85B, which is as follows (including uppercase first name and initial letter capitalized lowercase second name of Assignee):

PENTAX Corporation,
Tokyo, Japan

In particular, kindly capitalize the entire first word of the Assignee's name, and capitalize only the first letter of the second word of the Assignee's name, as that is the correct form of the Assignee's name.

Should there be any questions concerning this Memorandum, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
Satoshi KIDOOKA


Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

William Pieprz
Reg. No. 33,630

January 29, 2008
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: Satoshi KIDOOKA	Group Art Unit: 3739
Appl. No.	: 10/616,970	Examiner: P.J. VRETTAKOS
Filed	: July 11, 2003	Confirmation No.: 2858
For	: TREATMENT TOOL FOR ENDOSCOPE HAVING END EFFECTOR OPERATING LIKE PINCERS	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

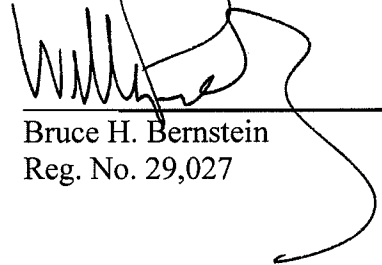
Sir :

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 20, 2007 and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicant wishes to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicant does not disagree with the Examiner's indicated reasons for allowability, Applicant submits that each of the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the particular combination of features recited therein.

P23559.A12

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
Satoshi KIDOOKA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Pieprz', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'W' and a long, curved tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

William Pieprz
Reg. No. 33,630

January 25, 2008
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191